(d) A total of 28 projects at an estimated cost of Rs. 2402.83 crores at Paradip Port, which is the only major port in Orissa, have been identified for inclusion in the Programme.

Improvement of National Highways in Andhra Pradesh

2559. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of projects seeking financial assistance to improve the National Highways in Andhra Pradesh pending with Government for sanction;

(b) the funds alloted to Andhra Pradesh for the improvement of National Highways during the current year and the details of the projects; and

(c) the present stage of projects and the proposed plan for the implementation of subsequent phases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) to (c) 16 proposals of Andhra Pradesh Government are pending for consideration under Annual Plan 2005-06 for National Highway stretches entrusted to the State Government. These proposals are at various stages of scrutiny. However, their sanction or otherwise would depend upon the availability of funds and the proposal meeting the technical parameters/ requirements. The unsanctioned projects are likely to be carried over to the subsequent Annual Plans depending upon the *inter se* priority and availability of funds.

For the improvement of the National Highway stretches entrusted to State Government, Rs. 86.23 crore, including Permanent Bridge Fee Funds, have been allocated to the State of Andhra Pradesh during the current year.

Work on Golden Quadrilateral

2560. SHRIMATI S. G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 92 per cent of the work on the Golden Quadrilateral would be completed by December, 2005;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that 96 per cent of the work would be completed by June, 2006; and

(d) whether 6.05 km. of Golden Quadrilateral roads are being laid every day?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) About 92 per cent of work on Golden Quadrilateral is targeted for completion by December, 2005.

(b) Details are as under:—

Sl. No.	Corridor (NH)	Total Length (km.)	To be completed by December, 2005 (km.)
1	Delhi-Mumbai (NH-8, 76 & 79)	1419	1419 (100%)
2	Mumbai-Chennai (NH-4, 7 & 46)	1290	1222 (94.7%)
3	Kolkata-Chennai (NH-5, 6 & 60)	1684	1548 (91.72%)
4	Delhi-Kolkata (NH-2)	1453	1159 (79.76%)
	TOTAL:	5846	5348 (91.48%)

(c) 96% work is targeted for completion by June, 2006.

(d) Average length of road being laid on Golden Quadrilateral since June, 2004 is approximately 4.20 km. per day.

Promotion of SSIs in Assam

2561. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are implementing any scheme in the State of Assam for development and expansion and promotion of Small Scale Industries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the present status of the above schemes?